

Curriculum Vitae – May, 2020
Jerome Richard Koch

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Academic and Administrative Experience

Current Academic Position:

Professor of Sociology
Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work
Texas Tech University
Lubbock, Texas 79409 2009 – present

Previous Academic Positions:

Associate, Assistant, Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology
Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work
Texas Tech University 1994 – 2009; tenured in 2001

Adjunct Instructor
School of Medicine
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center 1996 – 2001

Previous Administrative Position:

Associate Chair
Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work
Texas Tech University
Lubbock, Texas 79409 2015 – 2018

Education

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN	1991-94	Ph.D., 1994.	Sociology
Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL	1989-91	M.A., 1991.	Sociology
Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, IL	1978-82	M.Div., 1982.	Pastoral Ministry
University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI	1971-75	B.A., 1975.	Sociology

Areas of Specialization and Interest

Primary: Sociology of Religion, Sociology of Medicine, Body Modification.
Secondary: Social Deviance, Organizations, Drugs/Alcohol, Bio-ethics

Research

Major Research Support:

Principal Investigator: “Seeking the Moral Community: Religion, Deviance, and Well-Being Among American College Students.” 2010-2013. This project was funded for \$107,965 by the E.A. Franklin Charitable Trust. The work involved surveying 3610 American university students at 12 different schools in order to compare trends and tendencies regarding their religious beliefs and practices, deviant behavior, and their emotional well-being.

Co-PI: “Community Building and Job Creation.” 2001-2004. This project was funded for \$373,739 by Covenant Health Systems. It was administered through Goodwill Industries of Lubbock and the Texas Tech University Sociology department. I proposed, developed, and administered the Evaluation component of the project. This involved continuous monitoring and evaluating the efficacy of the program and its budget, compiling a data set for future research, and supervising a graduate student. I directly administered and disbursed \$53,818.

Peer-Reviewed Research Monograph:

Beckley, Robert E. and Jerome R. Koch. 2002. *The Continuing Challenge of AIDS: Clergy Responses to Patients, Families, and Friends*. Westport, CT: Auburn House.

"This monograph makes an outstanding contribution to several types of literature: sociology of religion, HIV/AIDS, sexuality, and perhaps even gender studies. ... The reader is able to see beyond the diagnosis of HIV/AIDS and observe it as a social phenomenon with broader implications." J. Michael Cruz, in his review published in the *Journal of Church and State*, 2003, Volume 45 (3): 615-616.

Peer-Reviewed Research -- Journal Articles (33) and Book Chapters (1):

Maloney, Patricia A., and Jerome R. Koch. 2020. “The College Student’s Religious Tattoo: Respect, Reverence, Remembrance.” *Sociological Focus* 53(1): 53-66.

Dougherty, Kevin, and Jerome Koch. 2019. “Religious Tattoos at One Christian University.” *Visual Studies*. DOI: [10.1080/1472586X.2019.1687331](https://doi.org/10.1080/1472586X.2019.1687331)

Koch, Jerome R., Myrna L. Armstrong, Christian B. Slavin, Alden E. Roberts, and Donna C. Owen. “Getting – and Getting Rid of – Tattoos.” 2018. *International Journal of Contemporary Sociology* 54(2): 137-152.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, Myrna L. Armstrong, and Donna C. Owen. 2015. “Tattoos, Gender, & Well-Being.” *Social Science Journal* 52(4): 536-541.

Armstrong, Myrna L., Jane Tustin, Donna C. Owen, Jerome R. Koch, and Alden E. Roberts. 2014. “Body Art Education: The Earlier the Better.” *Journal of School Nursing* 30(1):12-18.

Owen, Donna C., Myrna L. Armstrong, Jerome R. Koch, and Alden E. Roberts. 2013. "College Students With Body Art: Well Being Or Higher Risk Behavior?" *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing* 51(10): 20-28.

Koch, Jerome R., and Alden E. Roberts. 2012. "The Protestant Ethic and the Religious Tattoo." *The Social Science Journal* 49(2): 210-213.

Koch, Jerome R., and I. Luis Ramirez. 2010. "Religiosity, Christian Fundamentalism, and Intimate Partner Violence." *Review of Religious Research* 51(4): 402-410.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, Myrna L. Armstrong, and Donna C. Owen. 2010. "Body Art, Deviance, and American College Students." *The Social Science Journal* 47(1): 151-161.

Armstrong, Myrna L., Alden E. Roberts, Jana C. Saunders, Donna C. Owen, and Jerome R. Koch. 2009. "Need for uniqueness in older women: An exploratory look." *International Journal of Older People Nursing* 4: 254-262.

Koch, Jerome R. "Is Religion a Health Resource for the Poor?" 2008. *The Social Science Journal* 45: 497-503.

Armstrong, Myrna L., Alden E. Roberts, Jerome R. Koch, Jana C. Saunders, Donna C. Owen, and R. Rox Anderson. 2008. "Motivation for Contemporary Tattoo Removal: A Shift in Identity." *Archives of Dermatology* 144 (7) : 879-884.

Klein, Charles, Oscar Reyes, and Jerome R. Koch. 2007. "A Service Learning Project Involving ... the Mentoring of Younger At-Risk Youth." *NACTA Journal* 51(4): 55-61.

Armstrong, Myrna L., Alden E. Roberts, Jerome R. Koch, Jana C. Saunders, & Donna C. Owen 2007 "Investigating the Removal of Body Piercings." *Clinical Nursing Research* 16: 103-118.

Armstrong, Myrna L., Jerome R. Koch, Jana C. Saunders, Alden E. Roberts, and Donna C. Owen. 2007. "The Hole Picture: Risks, Decision Making, Purpose, Regulations, and the Future of Body Piercing." *Clinics in Dermatology* 25(4): 398-406.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, Myrna L. Armstrong, and Donna C. Owen. 2007. "Frequencies and relations of body piercing and sexual activity in college students." *Psychological Reports* 101: 159-162.

Roberts, Alden E., Jerome R. Koch, Myrna L. Armstrong, and Donna C. Owen. 2006. "Correlates of tattoos and reference groups." *Psychological Reports* 99: 933-934.

Koch, Jerome R., and Robert E. Beckley. 2006. "Under the Radar: AIDS Ministry in the Bible Belt." *Review of Religious Research*. 47: 393-408.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, Myrna L. Armstrong, and Donna C. Owen. 2005. "College students, tattoos, and sexual activity." *Psychological Reports*. 97: 887-890.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, Julie Harms Cannon, Myrna L. Armstrong, and Donna C. Owen. 2005. "College Students, Tattooing, and the Health Belief Model." *Sociological Spectrum*. 25: 79-102.

Armstrong, Myrna L., Alden E. Roberts, Donna C. Owen, and Jerome R. Koch. 2004. "Toward Building a Composite of College Student Influences With Body Art." *Issues in Comprehensive Pediatric Nursing* 27: 273-291.

Curry, Evans W., Jerome R. Koch, and H. Paul Chalfant. 2004. "Concern for God and Concern for Society: Religiosity and Social Justice." *Sociological Spectrum* 24: 651-666.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, Myrna L. Armstrong, and Donna C. Owen. 2004. "Religious Belief and Practice in Attitudes Toward Individuals With Body Piercing." *Psychological Reports* 95: 583-586.

Armstrong, Myrna L., Donna C. Owen, Alden E. Roberts, and Jerome R. Koch. 2004. "Contemporary College Students and Body Piercing." *Journal of Adolescent Health* 35: 58-61.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, Myrna L. Armstrong, and Donna C. Owen. 2004. "Correlations of religious belief and practice on college students' tattoo-related behavior." *Psychological Reports* 94: 425-430.

Armstrong, Myrna L., Donna C. Owen, Alden E. Roberts, and Jerome R. Koch. 2002. "College Students and Tattoos: The Influence of Image, Identity, Family, and Friends." *The Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services* 40(10): 20-29.

Koch, Jerome R., and Jean A. Lewis. 2002. "Twenty Volumes of *ATQ*: A Content Analysis." *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly* 20(3-4): 131-142.

Armstrong, Myrna L., Donna C. Owen, Alden E. Roberts, and Jerome R. Koch. 2002. "College Tattoos: More Than Skin Deep." *Dermatology Nursing* 14(5): 317-323.

Pyle, Ralph E., and Jerome R. Koch. 2001. "The Religious Affiliations of American Elites, 1930s to 1990s: A Note on the Pace of Disestablishment." *Sociological Focus* 34(2): 125-137.

Koch, Jerome R., and Julie D. Blanco. 2001. "Studying 'Alcohol, Drugs, and Society' from a Sociological Perspective: Comparing the Academic Performance of Pre-professionals in Addiction Studies with Students Majoring in Other Disciplines." *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly* 19(4): 81-91.

Roberts, Alden E., Jerome R. Koch, and D. Paul Johnson. 2001. "Reference Groups and Religion: An Empirical Test." *Sociological Spectrum* 21(1): 81-98.

Koch, Jerome R., and Evans W. Curry. 2000. "Social Context and the Presbyterian Gay/Lesbian Ordination Debate." *Review of Religious Research* 42: 206-214.

Davidson, James D. and Jerome R. Koch. 1998. "Beyond Mutual and Public Benefits: The Inward and Outward Orientations of NonProfit Organizations." In N. J. Demerath III, Peter Dobkin Hall, Terry Schmitt, and Rhys H. Williams (Eds.), pp. 292-306. *Sacred Companies*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Koch, Jerome R. and D. Paul Johnson. 1997. "The Ecumenical Outreach Coalition: A Case Study of Converging Interests and Network Formation for Church and Community Cooperation." *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 26(3): 343-358.

Ferraro, Kenneth F. and Jerome R. Koch. 1994. "Religion and Health Among Black and White Adults: Examining Social Support and Consolation." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 33(4): 362-375.

Work in Progress – Currently under peer review and final draft pending:

Koch, Jerome R., and Alden E. Roberts. "Finding Moral Community." Under review, *The Social Science Journal*.

Koch, Jerome R., and Kevin Dougherty. "Sensations: Religion, Sex, Substance Use, Tattoos, and Religious Tattoos." Under review, *Sociology of Religion*.

Koch, Jerome, and Kevin Dougherty. "The Religious Tattoo: Much More Than Skin Deep." *Religion, Attire, and Adornment in North America*. Marie Dallam and Ben Zeller, editors.

Dougherty, Kevin D., and Jerome R. Koch. "Do Religious People Have Tattoos?" Planned submission: *American Sociological Review*.

Other Professional Publications:

Koch, Jerome R. Forthcoming. In Adam Possamai and Anthony Joseph Blasi, (Eds.), *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Sociology of Religion*. Thousand Oaks, CA:Sage. "Tattoos. 1000 words.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, Myrna L. Armstrong, and Donna C. Owen. 2012. "Religiosity, Christian Fundamentalism, Deviance, Sensation-Seeking, and Body Art." Data Set of 1753 student survey respondents at four American universities, 2005-2006. *Association of Religion Data Archives*, Penn State University, State College, PA. <http://www.thearda.com>

Koch, Jerome R. 2012. Book Review of: Davidson, James D. and Ralph E. Pyle. *Ranking Faiths: Religious Stratification in America*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield. 2011. *Social Forces*.

Koch, Jerome R. 2008. Book Review of: Wittberg, Patricia. 2006. *From Piety to Professionalism - and Back? Transformations of Organized Religious Virtuosity*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. *Sociology of Religion* 69(4): 497-498.

Koch, Jerome R. 2002. "Health and Society." In Cynthia Tweedell (Editor), Chapter 14, pp. 233-246. *Sociology: A Christian Approach for Changing the World*. Marion, Indiana: Triangle. (Re-printed, 2010).

Koch, Jerome R. 1998. In William Swatos and Peter Kvisto, (Eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Religion and Society*. Walnut Creek, CA: AltaMira Press. "Dogmatism," pp. 141-142; "Eliade, Mircea," pp. 163-164; "Hymns," p. 232; "Reformation," pp. 404-405 "Calvinism," pp. 69-70.

Koch, Jerome R. 1995. Book Review of: Wuthnow, Robert. 1993. *Christianity in the Twenty-First Century*. New York: Oxford University Press. *Journal of Church and State* 37(3): 643.

Academic Presentations: (8 since 2016; 49 total. Details available on request.)

Koch, Jerome R., and Kevin D. Dougherty. "Religion and Religious Tattoos." Presented at the 2019 annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association, October, 2019.

Dougherty, Kevin D., and Jerome R. Koch. "Do Religious People Have Tattoos? Religiosity and Tattoos in a National Sample of U.S. Adults." Presented at the 2019 annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association, October, 2019.

Larkin, Haleigh M., and Jerome R. Koch. "Religion, Well-Being, and Stigma." Presented at the 2019 annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association, October, 2019.

Koch, Jerome R., and Patricia A. Maloney. "The College Student's Religious Tattoo: Respect, Reverence, Remembrance." Presented at the 2018 annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association, October, 2018.

Dougherty, Kevin, Jerome R. Koch, and Jake Kane. "Religious Tattoos at One Christian University." Presented at the 2018 annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association, October, 2018.

Koch, Jerome R., Brandon G. Wagner, and Alden E. Roberts. "Religion and Well-Being." Presented at the 2017 annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association, October, 2017.

Koch, Jerome R. "Faith and Data." Public Lecture (Invited). April 20, 2017. Outstanding Sociology Opportunity (OSO) Speaker's Series. Sponsored by the Department of Sociology, Baylor University.

Koch, Jerome R., Alden E. Roberts, and Myrna L. Armstrong. "Finding Moral Community: Religion and Deviance at Twelve American Universities." Presented at the 2016 annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association, October, 2016.

Teaching

Student Course Evaluations:

For all Undergraduate instruction, 2001 - present, approximately 17,500 students)

Summary Course Evaluation Scores:

"Overall, this instructor was effective." 4.75 (5=Strongly Agree)

"Overall, this course was a valuable learning experience." 4.75 (5=Strongly Agree)

Teaching Honors and Awards:

Texas Tech University Teaching Academy:

I am deeply grateful and profoundly honored to have been elected to membership in the Texas Tech University Teaching Academy, Class of 2020. The Teaching Academy not only recognizes good teaching, it promotes ongoing learning, excellence, and growth. Academy members are also a resource to the entire teaching faculty and their students.

Professing Excellence Awards:

I am very fortunate and grateful to be a three-time recipient (four-time nominee) of the "Professing Excellence" award, 2004, 2005, 2016. This comes from *The Success Center*, TTU, awarded solely through student nominations: "For demonstrating commitment to student success."

Undergraduate Instruction, Sociology:

1301, Introductory Sociology

Fall, 1994-2020, Spring, 2002-2020, Summer, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2004

3383, Alcohol, Drugs, and Society

Fall, 1995-2015, Spring, 1995-2001, 2007-08; 2010; 2013; Summer, 1997-99; 2001-09

4381, Sickness, Health, and Society, Spring, 1995-2001, 2006; Summer, 2003

4331, Religion and Society, Spring, 2019.

Undergraduate Instruction, Honors College:

Sociology 1301 (Honors Section), Fall, 1997-2000

Honors 3303: Religion and Health in American Society

Fall, 2001, 2007, 2008, Spring, 1999, 2003-2005, 2010

Honors Seminar 3303: Religion in 20th Century America, Fall, 1996, Spring, 1998

Graduate Instruction, Sociology:

5381: Medical Sociology Spring, 1995-2000, Summer, 2003, Spring, 2012, 2014, 2016

5332: Professional Socialization Fall, 2001-2004; Spring, 2002-2005

5384: Sociology of Religion Fall, 1994; Spring, 2018, 2020

Thesis Direction and Mentoring:

Thesis Director, Haleigh Larkin Bounds. M.A., 2020
Thesis Director, Chelsey Tucker. M.A., 2018
Thesis Director, VJ Fehoko, M.A., Sociology, 2016.
Non-Thesis Project Director, Macallister Jeffrey, M.A., Sociology, 2015.
Thesis Director, Amber Thompson, M.A., Sociology, 2014
Thesis Director, Sofia Symcox, M.A., Sociology, 2014.
Thesis Director, Lyndsey Burnett, M.A., Sociology, 2011
Thesis Director, Randall Gentry, M.A., Sociology, 2011
Faculty Mentor, Miranda Woodruff, McNair Scholar, 2008-2009
Thesis Director: Deanna Garcia, B.A., Honors College, 2005
Thesis Director: Chandra Childers, M.A., Sociology, 2004
Thesis Director: Lisa Rotge', B.A., Honors College, 2002.
Thesis Director: Carissa Waida, B.S., Honors College, 2000
Thesis Director: Nick Stransky, M.A., Sociology, 1998

Thesis and Dissertation Committee Participation:

Dissertation Com. member, Jennifer Campbell, Ph.D. 2019, Fielding Graduate University
Thesis Committee member, Elle Rickman, MA, 2019.
Thesis Committee member, Servet Tas, MA, 2017
Thesis Committee member, Jonah Higginbotham, MA, 2017
Thesis Committee member, Stephanie Kirkland, MA, 2017
Thesis Committee member, Vanessa Leos, M.A., 2016
Thesis Committee member, Kembra Gerner, M.A., Soc. 2015
Thesis Committee member, Tyler Sims, M.A., Soc. 2014
Thesis Committee member, Jeffrey Ajufo, M.A., Soc. 2013.
Thesis Committee member, Lauren Dent, M.A.. Soc. 2013.
Project Committee member (Non-Thesis): Melissa Galica, MA, Soc. 2012.
Thesis Committee member, James Henson, M.A., Soc. 2008.
Thesis Committee member, Breandan Jennings, M.A., Soc. 2008
Dissertation Committee Member, Alicia Rozycki, Ph.D., Psychology, 2007
Thesis Committee member: Rachael Hoover, M.A., Soc. 2003
Thesis Committee member: Gary Bones, M.A., Soc. 2002
Thesis Committee member: Caitlin Pause', M.A., Soc. 2002.
Project Committee member (Non-Thesis): Richard W, Ayers, M.A., Soc. 2001
Thesis Committee member: Julie Blanco, M.A., Sociology, 2000
Project Committee member: (Non-Thesis) Mercedes Montero, M.A., Soc. 2000
Thesis Committee member: Sharon Sarles, M.A., Sociology, 1998
Dissertation Committee member: Ronald Wood, D.Min., 1996. Doctorate in Ministry Program, Princeton Theological Seminary.

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine (1996-2001):

I was part of a team of physicians, social scientists, and clergy regularly teaching: "The Physician and Society," and "Ethics for Physicians."

Service

Service to the Department:

Acting Chair, Chair's letter, Cristina Bradatan Promotion Consideration, 2020.
Chair, Promotion Review Committee – Cristina Bradatan – Associate to Full Professor, 2020
Member, Promotion Review Committee – Brett Houk – Associate to Full Professor, 2019
Committee Chair, 3 year review for tenure committee, Brandon Wagner, 2019.
Acting Chair, Chair's letter, Nadia Flores Tenure Consideration, 2018.
Committee Chair, Tenure Committee, Patricia Maloney, 2017-2018.
Associate Chair, SASW, 2015-2018
Member, Graduate Committee, 2000 - 2017.
Committee Chair, 3 year review for tenure committee, Patricia Maloney, 2016.
Member, SASW Executive Committee, 2013 - 2015
Member, Chair Search Committee, 2010–2012.
Chair, Graduate Committee, 2001-2005.
Advisor, Rho of Texas Chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, 2001.
Member, Undergraduate Committee, 1995 - 2000.
Member, Departmental Search Committee, 1997, 2001, 2002, 2006 (chair); 2012, 2013. 2015

Service to the College and University:

Member, Dean Review Committee – Brent Lindquist, 2019-2020.
Chair, Graduate Program Review, College of Human Sciences, Department of Family, Community, and Addiction Studies. 2015.
Member, Search Committee – Vice-Provost for Graduate Education 2013 –2014.
Member, CAS Committee to Reorganize Communication Studies, 2010-2011.
Member, College of Arts and Sciences Committee on Academic Programs, 2008-2011.
Member, Texas Tech University Faculty Senate, 2007-2010. (Vice President, 2009-2010).
Member TTU Faculty Senate Study Committee A, 2007-2009.
Member, TTU Health Sciences Center Clinical Ethics Committee, 1996-2009.
Member, University Medical Center Bio-Ethics Education Sub-Committee and Task Force on Peaceful Death, 1996-2000.

Invited Speaking Engagements:

Guest Lecturer (2X), Red Raider Orientation – Parents and Students, Summer, 2014
Guest Lecturer (2X), Office of Admissions “Techsan Preview” program, Summer, 2014.
Guest Lecturer (2X), Office of Admissions “Techsan Preview” program, Summer, 2013.
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Guest Lecturer, Red Raider Orientation – Parents and Students, Summer, 2011
Guest lecturer, Red Raider Experience--prospective Honors students, July, 2010.
Panelist, Faculty Q & A for parents, Red Raider Experience--Honors, July, 2010.
Keynote speaker, Cross Cultural Academic Advancement Center, July, 2009
Panel Discussion, Cross Cultural Academic Advancement Center, July, 2009
Guest Lecturer: Red Raider Academy for prospective students, June, 2009.
Guest Lecturer, Honors College Passport Program March, 2006
Guest Lecturer, Office of Admissions “Techsan Preview” program, January, 2004.
Guest Lecturer, College of Education Recruitment Day, March, 2001.

Keynote Speaker, Honors College Awards Banquet, May, 1999
Guest Lecturer, Office of New Student Relations University Day, April, 1999
Guest Lecturer, Office of New Student Relations Honors Symposium, April, 1999
Guest Lecturer, Office of New Student Relations Honors Symposium, April, 1998

Service to the Profession:

National Committee Involvement:

Member, Constant R. Jacquet Research Award Committee, Religious Research Association, 2000-2001, 2002-2003.

Chair, Constant R. Jacquet Research Award Committee, 2001-2002

Peer Reviewer for Scholarly Journals:

Journal of Adolescence, 2020. *Body and Society*, 2017. *Canadian Journal of Higher Education*, 2016. *Journal of Addictive Diseases*, 2015, *The Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *The Sociological Quarterly*; *Sexuality and Culture*, 2012. *Qualitative Sociology*, 2011. *Social Science Journal*, 2008, 2009 (twice), 2010 (twice), 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 1996, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007 (twice), 2009, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016. *Review of Religious Research*, 1995 - 2000, 2006. 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016 (twice), 2017. *Sociological Focus*, 2010. *Sociological Forum*, 2010, 2011. *Journal of Gerontology: Social Problems*, 2009. *Research on Aging*, 2009. *Social Problems*, 2007. *Social Forces*, 2006. *Psychological Reports*, 2006. *Sociological Spectrum*, 2005, 2017. *Sociological Inquiry*, 2002. *Deviant Behavior*, 2001. *Sociological Focus*, 2000.

Service to the Community – Representative examples:

Clergy member, Palo Duro Presbytery, Presbyterian Church (USA) 1994 - present.

Member, Palo Duro Presbytery Committee on Prep. for Ministry, 1995-2000; 2011-2020.

Volunteer and Facilitator, South Plains Mobile Food Pantry, Post, Texas, 2011-2018.

Volunteer – Shalom Readers, 2004-2018

Member, Palo Duro Presbytery Permanent Judicial Commission, 2008-2014.

Presenter, Lubbock Interfaith Alliance Annual Conference. “Christian Extremism.” 4/26/2014.

Panelist for Bio-Ethics Case Presentation, Fall Medical/Surgical Symposium, Lubbock, Crosby, and Garza County Medical Society, September 27, 2003.

Convener and Chair of the task force for “Vatican Exhibit Symposium: Religious Art from the Old World to the New.” In conjunction with Vatican Museums Exhibition on the Texas Tech University campus, May - September, 2002.

Co-Facilitator, "A Peaceful Death: Where Are We?" (November, 1995). Featured speaker: Joanne Lynn, MD, (JAMA, November, 1995)